

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Biggert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3409**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Edward J. Burns, Executive Director, Secretariat for Vocations and Priestly Formation, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. **Page H3409**

Capitol Preservation Commission: Read a letter from Representative Ehlers wherein he appointed Representative Mica to be his designee on the Capitol Preservation Commission. **Page H3411**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing Operation Respect and the "Don't Laugh At Me" Programs: H. Res. 161, amended, recognizing the achievements of Operation Respect, the "Don't Laugh At Me" programs, and Peter Yarrow. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Resolution recognizing the achievements of Operation Respect and the 'Don't Laugh At Me' programs."; **Pages H3411–15**

Commending Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE): H. Res. 107, amended, commending and supporting the efforts of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), the world's preeminent collegiate free enterprise organization, and its president, Alvin Rohrs. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Resolution commending and supporting the efforts of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), the world's preeminent collegiate free enterprise organization."; **Pages H3415–17**

Ongoing Contributions of Charter Schools: H. Res. 204, congratulating charter schools across the United States, and the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of such schools, for their ongoing contributions to education (agreed to by yeas-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay" and 5 voting present, Roll No. 146); **Pages H3417–20, H3432–33**

175th Anniversary of the Capitol Police: H. Con. Res. 156, extending congratulations to the United States Capitol Police on the occasion of its 175th anniversary and expressing gratitude to the men and women of the United States Capitol Police and their families for their devotion to duty and service in safeguarding the freedoms of the American people (agreed to by yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 147); **Pages H3420–22, H3433–34**

Support for Patriots' Day and Honoring the Nation's First Patriots: H. Con. Res. 149, expressing support for the celebration of Patriots' Day on April 19th and honoring the Nation's first patriots (agreed

to by yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 148). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Concurrent Resolution expressing support for the celebration of Patriots' Day and honoring the Nation's first patriots."; **Pages H3422–25, H3434**

Centennial Anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System: H. Res. 173, recognizing the achievements and contributions of the National Wildlife Refuge System on the occasion of its centennial anniversary and expressing strong support for the continued success of the National Wildlife Refuge System; **Pages H3425–28**

Gila River Indian Community Judgment Fund Distribution: S. 162, to provide for the use and distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H3428–31**

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion: H.R. 274, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. **Pages H3431–32**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m. **Page H3432**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 205, electing Representative Putnam to the Committee on Resources. **Page H3435**

United States—China Security Review Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she announced her reappointment of Mr. George Becker of Pennsylvania, for a term to expire on December 31, 2005 and Mr. Michael Wessel of Virginia for a term to expire on December 31, 2004. **Page H3435**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3432–33, H3433–34, H3434. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISSING, EXPLOITED AND RUNAWAY YOUTH

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing entitled "Missing, Exploited and Runaway Youth: Strengthening the System." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING AND REJUVENATING OUR NATION'S COMMUNITIES AND THE HOPE VI PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Strengthening and Rejuvenating our Nation's Communities and the HOPE VI Program." Testimony was heard from Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

PROPOSED NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held a hearing on "Transforming the Defense Department: Exploring the Merits of the Proposed National Security Personnel System." Testimony was heard from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, OPM; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

WHY IS SBA LOSING GROUND ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing on "Why is SBA Losing Ground on Financial Management?" Testimony was heard from Linda Calbom, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; the following officials of the SBA: Thomas Dumaresq, Chief Financial Officer; and Peter McClintock, Deputy Inspector General; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND DEFENSE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations hearing on "Homeland Defense: Old Force Structures for New Missions?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; and Lt. Gen. Edward G. Anderson III, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Northern Command and Aerospace Defense Command; Raymond Decker, Director, Defense Capabilities Management Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing on "Federal Grants Management: A Process Report on Streamlining and Simplifying the Federal Grants Process." Testimony was heard from Linda M. Springer, Con-

troller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; Ed Sontag, Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul Posner, Managing Director, Federal Budget and Intergovernmental Relations, GAO; and public witnesses.

NATO AND ENLARGEMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on NATO and Enlargement: Progress Since Prague. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Bradtke, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and Ian J. Brzezinski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Policy, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 21, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act; and H.R. 1223, Internet Gambling Licensing and Regulation Commission Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Leach; John G. Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

PRISON RAPE REDUCTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 1707, Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Tracy Henke, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Ashbel T. Wall II, Director, Department of Corrections, State of Rhode Island; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GROWING PROBLEM OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands held a joint oversight hearing on the Growing Problem of Invasive Species. Testimony was heard from James Tate, Jr., Science Advisor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; Chuck Lambert, Deputy Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA; Stephen Brandt, Director, Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Edwin Theriot, Mississippi Valley Division, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING EDUCATION RESULTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children with Disabilities Act of 2003, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives McKeon, Castle, DeMint, Musgrave, Nethercutt, Bass, Simmons, Kirk, Bradley of New Hampshire, George Miller of California, Woolsey, Davis of California, Van Hollen, Millender-McDonald, Larson of Connecticut.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine health care access and affordability, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the District of Columbia Courts, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine medical programs of the Department of Defense, 11 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for foreign operations, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the Fire Research Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider Treaty Doc. 108-4, Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, and S. Con. Res. 26, condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine U.S. energy security, focusing on Russia and the Caspian, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 519, to establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans, 2 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing on the Administration's Healthy Forests Initiative, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Special Operations Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on D.C. Courts, 1:30 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Employment Assistance and Training Activities Panel, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 108, encouraging corporations to contribute to faith-based organizations; H. Con. Res. 110, recognizing the sequencing of the human genome as one of the most significant scientific accomplishments of the past one hundred years and expressing support for the goals and ideals of Human Genome Month and DNA Day; H. Con. Res. 147, commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Orphan Drug Act and the National Organization for Rare Disorders; H. Res. 201, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that